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## 2006 Summer House Tour Schedule for Ehrman Mansion and Vikingsholm at Lake Tahoe

LAKE TAHOE - California State Parks announced the 2006 summer public tour schedule for the historic homes of Pine Lodge (also known as the Ehrman Mansion) and Vikingsholm, both located along the beautiful west shore of Lake Tahoe. Both houses are will be open for daily tours this summer.

**Vikingsholm** is in Emerald Bay State Park, 13 miles north of South Lake Tahoe on Highway 89. Tours are offered daily, May 27 to September 30, between 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tour tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children five to 17 years. Children under five are free.

The home is at the base of world famous Emerald Bay and is considered one of the finest examples of Scandinavian architecture in the United States. Completed in 1929, Vikingsholm was the grand summer home of Mrs. Lorna Knight and contains the original furnishings. The collection includes a 1930 Packard and, in the foyer, "Selma" the clock which has greeted guests for over seven decades.

The Vikingsholm area of Emerald Bay State Park also includes a visitor center with information on the history of the estate, a 1/3 mile trail leading to the overlook of Lower Eagle Falls, a public pier, and one of the best sandy beaches in Lake Tahoe. The area around the home is part of the Rubicon Trail which connects D.L. Bliss State Park with Eagle Point campground, located on the south side of Emerald Bay.

Pedestrian access to Emerald Bay is via the STEEP one-mile trail beginning at the parking area of Highway 89 above the bay. Parking is limited, so park rangers advise arriving early and making a visit to the park the first stop of the day. Other access points are from a trailhead located at the Eagle Point campground. This 1 ½ mile moderate trail is a less-crowded alternative. More adventurous visitors can take the Rubicon Trail, which begins at D.L. Bliss State Park, three miles north of the Vikingsholm parking lot. This 12 mile round-trip is considered one of the most beautiful trails anywhere. A \$6 parking fee applies to all areas.

**Pine Lodge (the Ehrman Mansion)** is in Ed Z'Berg-Sugar Pine Point State Park, 10 miles south of Tahoe City on Highway 89. The tour season for the home consists of peak and non-peak periods. During the peak season, June 17 to September 5, tours are offered daily from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 27 to June 16 and September 5 to September 30 is the non-peak season. During this time, tours are offered from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the weekends. Monday through Friday, tours are offered from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Tour tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children five to 17 years. Children under five are free.

Pine Lodge was built in 1903 and is an elegant 11,000 square foot, three story "Old Tahoe" summer home. The park, which includes one mile of pristine shoreline, is part of a larger Historic Zone located within the day use area of the park.

In addition to the public tours, the Sierra State Parks Foundation is offering private group tours. For more information on these tours, call the Foundation office at (530) 525-9460.

The Sugar Pine Historic Zone also includes a nature center, two historic boat houses containing numerous incredible watercraft, nature trails, the 1864 General Phipps cabin, a public pier, and a large expanse of grassy grounds making it a perfect day trip destination. Tour tickets cost \$5 for adults and \$3 for children five to 17 years of age. Children under five are free. There is a \$6 fee for parking.

For more information:

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